

## Returning to In-person instruction

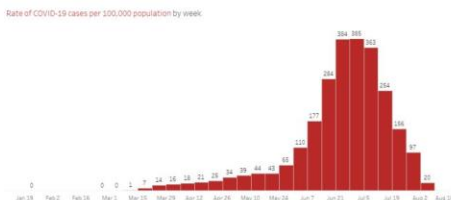
Reopening school for in-person instruction must • be consistent with all applicable state and local orders • use the ADHS dashboard to confirm all three benchmarks are within the moderate spread category for two weeks • include implementation all safety protocol listed in this plan. The ADHS Benchmarks are:

- Cases: <100 cases/100,000 or a two week decline in number of cases
- Percent Positivity: <7%
- COVID Like Illness: <10%

## Understanding the Benchmarks

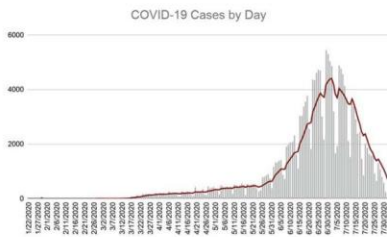
### Cases

**Benchmark:** Two weeks below 100 cases per 100,000 (not including the current week)



OR

**A decline in weekly average cases for two consecutive weeks (not including the current week)**

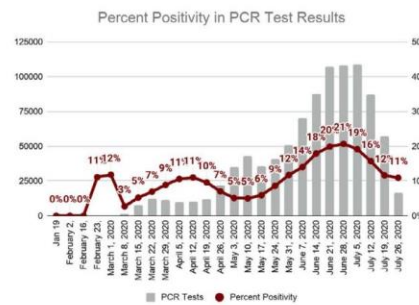


Data Source: ADHS MEDSIS Confirmed and Probable Cases

Available by: County

### Percent Positivity

**Benchmark:** Two weeks with percent positivity below 7% (not including the current week)



Data Source: ADHS Electronic Laboratory Data

Available by: County

### COVID-like Illness

**Benchmark:** Two weeks with hospital visits due to COVID-like illness below 10%



Data Source: BioSense Syndromic Surveillance Platform

Available by: BioSense Region

- **Northern:** Apache, Coconino, Navajo, Yavapai Counties
- **Central:** Gila, Maricopa, Pinal Counties
- **Southeastern:** Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Santa Cruz Counties
- **Western:** La Paz, Mohave, Yuma Counties

Until our county has all three benchmarks in the moderate spread category, school will be in our school wide distance learning plan. Once the ADHS dashboard shows all the benchmarks in our county have been met, in-person instruction will begin the following Monday. For those that have been approved for the Continued Distance Learning option, self-guided academic instruction will begin at the same time all others begin in-person learning. Each Thursday afternoon the school will communicate with students and families via email where we stand on the benchmarks.

## Safety Protocols

According to state and local public health officials, implementing practical actions are proven to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, we will protect the health and safety of our students, teachers, staff, and community, and we will do our best to avoid outbreaks within our classrooms and schools. To do so, the below safety protocols will be followed at all sites and schools, by all students, teachers, staff and visitors: • social distancing, • wearing facial coverings, • practicing proper hand hygiene, and • health screening/staying home when ill.

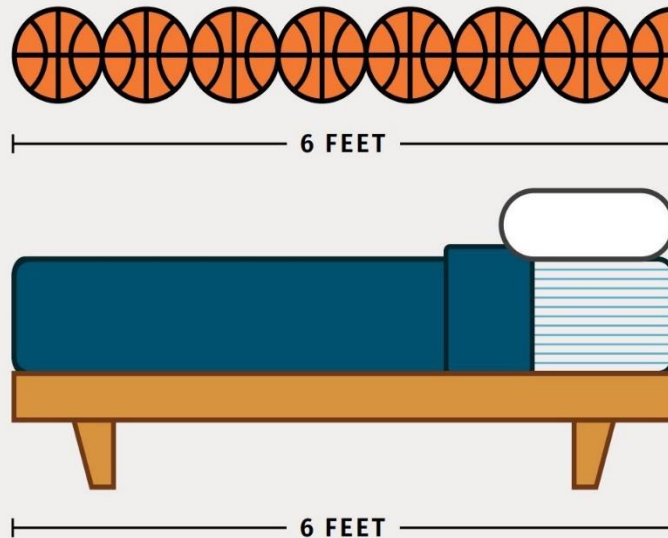
\*Graphics are from the ADHS "Safely Returning to In-person Instruction" and are for example only and may not reflect the details of this mitigation plan.

## 1 Social Distancing

- Social distancing will be observed and practiced to the fullest extent possible.
- Classrooms will be arranged to maximize the space between students.
- Students will be reminded to avoid physical contact such as shaking hands, hugs, fist bumps, etc.

# Physical Distancing

Physical distancing helps to slow down or stop the spread of COVID-19. You can help by keeping 6-feet of space between you and others.



## 2 Facial Coverings

- A face covering will be required for all staff and students in the classroom settings and when social distancing is not possible.
- Students shall be given opportunities during the day for outdoor, social distancing time when a face covering would not be required.
- Personal health conditions or a disability that prohibits the wearing of a face covering will be given exemption.

# How to Wear a Mask

## Who should wear a mask?

Everyone over the age of 2 should wear a mask in public. It is one of the best tools you have to protect yourself, your family, and others from COVID-19.

✓ DO'S	✗ DON'TS	REMOVING AND STORING A MASK
 <p>Wash or sanitize your hands before and after touching your mask.</p>	 <p>Don't let the mask sit under your nose. If it gapes open, it's not doing its job.</p>	 <p>1. Make sure you are more than 6 feet from others and then remove the mask by touching the ear loops or ties only.</p>
 <p>Wear the cloth face covering snugly but comfortably over your nose and mouth. If it hurts your ears, try one that ties behind your head instead of looping over your ears.</p>	 <p>Don't touch your cloth face covering when wearing it.</p>	 <p>2. Place your mask in a clean paper bag, container, or on a designated surface.</p>
 <p>Keep it on over your mouth and nose when speaking with others or when on the phone.</p>	 <p>Don't adjust your mask too much, and refrain from pulling on or touching the front of your mask.</p>	 <p>3. Wash your mask after each day's use and store it in a clean bag or container.</p>
 <p>Wear the cloth face covering in public until you need to eat or drink, then make sure to keep it clean and uncontaminated.</p>		

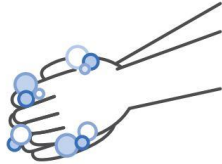
### 3 Hand Hygiene

- Teachers will encourage frequent handwashing at regular intervals throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations within the school including in each classroom.

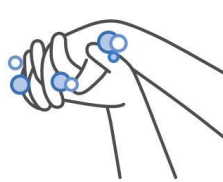
## How Nurses and Doctors Wash Their Hands



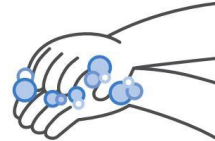
**1.** Wet & Soap



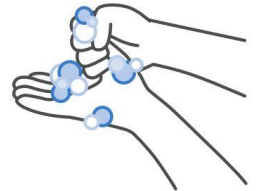
**2.** Palms



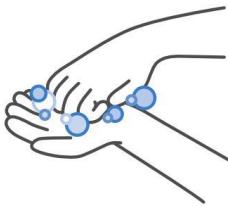
**3.** Between Fingers



**4.** Back of Fingers



**5.** Thumbs



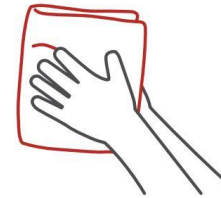
**6.** Fingernails



**7.** Wrists



**8.** Rinse & Dry



**9.** Use Towel to Turn Off Faucet & Open Door

#### 4 Health Screening/Staying Home When Ill

• Teachers, staff, students, and families are expected to self-screen before entering the building each day. Screening should include a check for new onset of **cough or shortness of breath**, or at least two of the following symptoms:

- loss of sense of smell or taste
- fever (100.4 or higher)
- chills
- muscle pain
- sore throat
- gastrointestinal symptoms of diarrhea, vomiting or nausea

## Symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



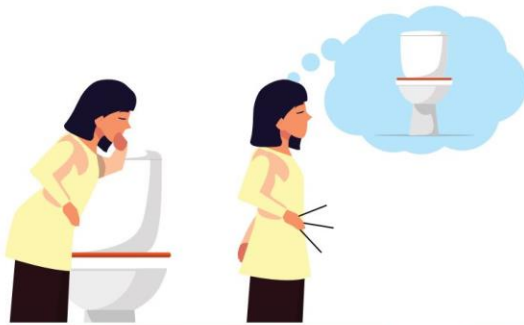
Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing



Fever or chills



Muscle or body aches



Vomiting or diarrhea



New loss of taste or smell

**Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness, and appear 2-14 days after you are exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19.**

Seek medical care immediately if someone has **emergency warning signs of COVID-19.**

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

This list is not all possible symptoms. Please call your healthcare provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning to you.

• Students, teachers, and staff who feel ill and/or are experiencing any of the above symptoms are required to stay home. • Students, teachers and/or staff who reside or have come in close contact with a person who is experiencing symptoms or is confirmed with COVID-19 are also required to stay home and should immediately inform the school or a supervisor of the situation. • Isolation and Quarantine timetables will be based on ADHS recommendations. • An isolation area will be available on campus for any potential cases.

## 5 Additional Safety Measures

- The use of barriers such as sneeze guards will be used in common areas like the school office and student store.
- Classroom/school volunteers will not be permitted onsite. Only essential visitors, as determined by administration, will be permitted. Essential visitors must self-screen for symptoms, wear facial coverings, practice social distancing, and follow all stated guidelines.
- The number of shared items in a classroom/school will be minimized and sharing will be limited.
- Daily cleaning and sanitizing protocols will be implemented, both during and after the school day, with regular sanitization of student desks, countertops, sinks, doorknobs, light switches, window handles, and other high-touch areas.
- Water bottle filling stations will be available throughout campus.
- Each classroom HVAC system contains a replaceable pleated air filter that is highly rated for virus protection. Filters are regularly inspected and replaced as needed.

### **Quarantining and School Closures**

The school must report any outbreaks of COVID-19 to our local health department. Having more than one case within a school does not constitute an outbreak. An outbreak is defined as two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases among students or staff with onsets within a 14 day period, who are epidemiologically linked, do not share a household, and were not identified as close contacts of each other in another setting during standard case investigation or contact tracing.

School will return to our school wide distance learning plan when the benchmark categories fall within the substantial (red) spread category and/or if there is an outbreak within our school.

### **On-site Services**

On-site services will begin on August 17th for those who have requested it through the administration. These are targeted support services offered directly to students when the school is not open for in-person instruction. These on-site services will include Special Education services, 504 services, ELL services and family support services. There will not be direct, in-person instruction; instruction will still be given via our school wide distance learning.

### **Sports**

The school is part of the CAA sports league and will be following all guidelines from them. The CAA is committed to athletes' and coaches' safety and has adopted a Return to Play plan all teams must follow. Each sports return to play will be dependent on these guidelines being met and ability to create a competitive schedule.

### **Social/Emotional Learning**

Faculty and Staff have been trained to integrate social/emotional learning in the classroom through the CASEL methodology. Teachers and club advisors will be checking in regularly with students.

## Free Mask Offer

<https://www.azdhs.gov/preparedness/epidemiology-disease-control/infectious-disease-epidemiology/index.php#novel-coronavirus-order-masks>

# Free Cloth Masks

ADHS, in partnership with ADOA and other state agencies, has created a program to provide free cloth masks to vulnerable populations across the State of Arizona. This program is being expanded to allow Arizona parents and school staff to order cloth reusable masks.

Order cloth masks on our [online request form](#) or by phone at 602-542-8664.

These cloth masks will be shipped directly to residential addresses in Arizona. Five (5) cloth masks will be shipped per order, free of charge.

Please visit our [FAQs website](#) for more information or call Hanes 1-800-503-6698 Monday through Friday from 6:00 am - 2:00 pm Arizona time for questions regarding the mask itself or shipping.

